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In re application of:) Confirmation No.: 7671
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van LITH, Johannes Hendrikus et al.) Group Art Unit: 3682
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Serial No.: 10/619,398) Examiner: Charles, M.
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Filed: 15 July 2003))
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For: **TRANSVERSE ELEMENT FOR A DRIVE**)
BELT FOR A CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE)
TRANSMISSION)

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

The *Office Action* from Primary Examiner Marcus Charles of Art Unit 3682, dated 2 February 2006, marked *Final*, has been received and carefully reviewed. In response thereto, Applicant presents Claims to better clarify the patentable distinctions between the cited prior art and the present invention, and respectfully submits that the cited references neither teach nor suggest the present invention as claimed.

Applicant further submits that the following amendments place the Application in condition for allowance and/or place the Application in better form for appeal. The amendments do not raise new matter issues or raise issues requiring further consideration or searches. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the pending *Final Office Action* for the following reasons and remarks.